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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3748

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3990

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORS, ET, KU

SUBJ: POSSIBLE KUWAITI INTERVENTION IN ETHIOPIAN KIDNAPPINGS

1. DURING ROUTINE MEETING SEPTEMBER 29 TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, MAJGEN SHAIKH MUBARAK (CHIEF OF KUWAIT'S ARMED FORCES) TOLD COLONEL STANLEY COX, CHIEF, USLOK, WITHOUT ADVANCE WARNING THAT HE HAD THE "TASK OF LOOKING AFTER" KUWAITI EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF TWO USG PERSONNEL KIDNAPPED IN ERITREA. ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, TWO PRISONERS WERE ALIVE AND BEING WELL TREATED AND SHOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN "A FEW DAYS". MUBARAK OBSERVED THAT "WE ARE EXPERIENCING SOME COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, BUT MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED SHORTLY. KIDNAPPING OF AMERICANS BY REBELS HAD BEEN A MISTAKE. THEY HAD BEEN SEIZED INADVERTENTLY WHEN REBEL GROUP WAS SEEKING HOSTAGES."

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2. COL COX EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFO SUPPLIED, INDICA-

TING HE NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF KIDNAPPING. ASKED THAT  
GENERAL MUBARAK KEEP HIM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

3. EMBASSY HAS LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING  
KIDNAPPINGS AND HAD NO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE KUWAITI  
EFFORTS TO SEEK RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

4. OTHER SOURCES OF INFO INDICATES THAT MINDEF, SHAIKH SA'AD,  
HAS HAD ACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH LOCAL ELF/PLF OFFICE AND  
FURNISHED SOME AID/ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT  
MINDEF HAS ASSIGNED MATTER TO MAJGEN SHAIKH MUBARAK TO  
HANDLE AS TRUSTED FAMILY MEMBER.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND BACKGROUND INFO  
RE KIDNAPPINGS.  
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